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SUBJECT: ECE-RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING END OF WORLD WAR II

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1. AT LUNCHEON MEETING HOSTED BY STANOVNIK
AND ATTENDED BY FRANCE, ITALY, USSR, POLAND,
ROMANIA, FINLAND, US, PRINCIPAL CONTROVERSIAL
SUBJECT DISCUSSED WAS RESOLUTION ISSUE. STANOVNIK
OPENED DISCUSSION BY INDICATING HIS AWARENESS
OF RESOLUTION AND OF FACT THAT A NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES WERE OPPOSED. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT
WAY COULD BE FOUND TO AVOID POLEMICS PARTICULARLY
ON SUCH A SOLEMN ISSUE AS COMMEMORATING THE END
OF WORLD WAR II AND APPEALED TO HIS GUESTS TO FIND
SOLUTION FOR HIM. FINNS INDICATED AWARENESS
OF OPPOSITION WHICH THEY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND. THEY
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HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH RESOLUTION.

2. ITALIAN CHAIRMAN OF CAUCUS SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN NEXT BUT US CHIMED IN FOR FEAR THAT HE WOULD MAKE WISHY-WASHY STATEMENT, REPEATING ARGUMENTS MADE IN CAUCUS (GENEVA 2427) AND APPEALING TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION IN INTEREST OF DETENTE. ITALIAN AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS THEN SUPPORTED US NOTING THAT THIS WAS GENERAL VIEW OF WESTERN CAUCUS.

3. RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR (SPEAKING IN RUSSIAN FOR ONLY TIME DURING LUNCHEON) RESTATED ARGUMENTS PRESENTED TO US BY BORCHTCHEVSKI (GENEVA 2347) BUT IN CALMER LESS POLEMIC TONE, AND ENDED WITH STATEMENT THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP SILENT ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT DATE.

4. DURING HIS INTERVENTION, FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD REFERRED TO NEED TO FIND "OTHER FORMS" FOR CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY. FINNS AND ROMANIANS ASKED HIM TO DISCLOSE HIS IDEAS ON OTHER FORMS AND AFTER MUCH PLEADING HE UNVIELED IDEA OF ASKING NORWEGIAN CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE WORDS IN THE OPENING STATEMENT TO COVER THIS POINT. FINNS, ROMANIANS AND ITALIANS THOUGHT THIS WAS GOOD IDEA; OTHERS REMAINED SILENT.

5. COMMENT: STANOVNIK HAD TOLD US OF FRENCH IDEA WHICH FRENCH HAD FAILED TO DISCLOSE TO WESTERN CAUCUS. SINCE RUSSIAN DID NOT COMMNET, WE THOUGHT IT BETTER TO KEEP SILENT. WE DO THINK THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD WAY TO RESOLVE ISSUE AND RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THIS COMPROMISE AT AN APPROPRIATE POINT. ABRAMS

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